

SENATE BILL 779

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,  
Chapter 35, relative to a criminal defendant's  
suitability for a sentence other than confinement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-102, is amended by adding  
the following sentence between the first and second sentences of subdivision (6):

However, a defendant's prior convictions shall be considered evidence to the  
contrary and a defendant with two (2) or more prior felony convictions shall not be  
considered a favorable candidate for alternative sentencing when being sentenced for a  
third or subsequent felony offense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.